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NEXT UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting is February 12, 2025. On the menu will be street chicken, potatoes, a salad and dessert. The kitchen is always looking for volunteers to help prepare and to serve. If you could take the time, come out before 6 on meeting nights and help. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM for a donation of \$10 for all you can eat.

The speaker will be Sheriff Kim Cole. He will be talking and presenting a video of his recent Mideast trip.

Board of Director Meetings for 2025

Jan 6 April 2 July 2
October 1 December 3

January 7, 2026

All Board meetings start at 6:00 PM.

All interested Fin & Feather Club members are invited.

If you have a photo that you would like to share with your Fin & Feather members, e-mail it to Nita at "bearladytwo@live.com"

Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2025

Please remember to support the Friends who support your club!!!
Let them know you saw their name in the Tattered Feather Newsletter.

Animal Hospital of Ludington
Doug & Dawn Rollenhagen
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Fin & Feather Friends & Members,

In 1989, Friends of Fin & Feather was born and joined us in our conservation efforts. We are currently inviting you to participate in the Friends of Fin & Feather. The program collects money from individuals & businesses to promote conservation & educational programs within our community.

Over the years, we have participated in many different activities. Examples of Conservation & Education programs are:

Big Sable Riverbank Stabilization
Pere Marquette River Watershed
Mason County Walleye Association
Victory Township Park Improvements
Mason-Lake Soil Conservation
Trooper Paul Butterfield Scholarship

Outdoor Science Scholarship
4-H Youth Rifle Marksmanship
MUCC Summer Camp
"MUCC Tracks" Magazine
Hunter Safety Classes

Plus many others note listed

If you feel this is a worthy cause of protecting and preserving our natural resources in our area is meant for you, you're invited to join us at one of three levels: **Bronze is \$200, Silver is \$400 and Gold is \$600.** Our promise to you is that 100% of your donation will be invested in our Conservation & Education programs.

If you would like to donate or have additional questions please contact me.

Thanks in advance, Dan Engelhardt

Friends of the Fin & Feather Chairperson (231) 510-1003

To access the Fin and Feather web site, go to: "finandfeatherclub.org."

If you have something that needs to go into the website, contact Nita at bearladytwo@live.com.

Scholarship applications available

Once again the Fin & Feather Club will be awarding a \$1500 scholarship for a student majoring in the outdoor sciences. If you've received the award once, you can apply again as long as your major is still in the outdoor sciences. Applications can be obtained by contacting Chairman Laude Hartman at 231 233-7633 or by downloading an application on the website. The deadline for the applications is May 1st, 2025.



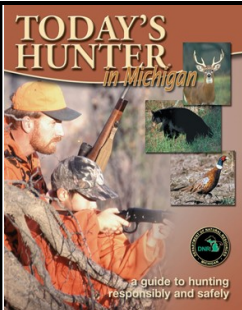
Big Game Night 2025

Big Game Night is scheduled for April 5, 2025. The format will be the same as in the past. Doors will open at 5 and instead of a sit down dinner, once again snacks and appetizers will be available with snack sticks provided by Sanders Meats and appetizers by Diane Zack. There will be a cash bar upstairs and down. The price is the same, \$30 per person. Again, we will have reserved captain tables. Reserved tables, with your choice (when available) can be either upstairs or down. Letters to previous table captains have gone out in the mail. The committee has started selecting quality firearms, sporting items and many other raffles.

Tickets go very fast, so if you are planning on attending, call to get your ticket or table reservation...There will be a \$20 ticket for our Banquet Firearm, \$1.00 tickets for firearms and raffles, along with \$5, \$10 and \$20 ticket raffles. There will be a card game for a pistol upstairs and down.

We are always looking for donations. If you would like to donate an item or money, contact Dan Engelhardt at 231 510-1003. Call Nita at 231 690-0874 or Cindy at 231 690-445 to get your ticket or your reserved table. If you would like to volunteer to help that night, contact Cindy or Nita.

Mark your calendar, April 5, for a night filled with fun.....



Hunter Safety Classes for 2025

The first Hunter Safety Class will be held April 12 & 13, 2025 at the clubhouse. Students must attend class both days, complete the written test, and pass the required field day, in order to receive their Hunter Safety certificate. In order to register for the class you **must register online** at

<https://michigan.storefront.kalkomery.com/programs>.

There is no cost for the class, lunch, snacks and drinks are provided. Students under the age of 10, must be accompanied by a parent or adult. We will accept 60 students, with 5 being on a waiting list. If you register and are no longer planning on attending the class, please cancel your registration so that those on the waiting list will have a chance to attend the class.

August 16 & 17, will be the last Hunter Safety Class for the year. This is part of the state wide Hunter Safety week. What that means, is that there will be Hunter Safety Classes through out the state of Michigan August 11 thru the 17.

We are always looking for new Hunter Safety Instructors. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Nita at (231) 690-0874 or go to DNR Hunter Safety Instructor application and follow the directions.

MUCC Camp

On line registration is open at www.mucccamp.org for Summer MUCC 2025 camps. The Fin & Feather Club every year sends kids to camp. This year if you would like to send your child, grandchild, neighbor or a friend to the camp, you must contact Cindy at 231 690-3445. She will in turn register that child with MUCC Camp. The deadline for registering a child to camp is March 1st. So if you have someone interested in going to MUCC Camp this year, contact Cindy so she can get the child registered. You do not need to be a member of the Fin & Feather Club to send that child.

Contact Cindy Gleason at 231 690-3445 or cgleasonff@gmail.com to arrange for registration or if you have any questions. The camp is located at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center in Chelsea, MI. The only thing the child has to do, is to get travel to the camp and back home. The Fin & Feather pays all other expenses. The camp weeks are: Ages 6-11 - June 16-20; Ages 9-12 - June 29-July 1 & July 13-18; Ages 13-15 No matter what week the camper chooses, they will get to participate in daily activities such as archery, kayaking, fishing, hiking, and so much more!



TRADING POST

(If you have a sports related item to sell, trade or buy, contact the Editor, Nita Finch, and have it listed in the Tattered Feather Trading Post free of charge for members only. Your ad will run for 6 times before being deleted. If the item is sold please contact Nita. The ads can be posted by e mailing "bearladytwo@live.com" or

call 231 690-0874.)

Please advise when items are sold

** 300 Remington ultra mag 4X14 power scope. Shoot 21 times. Two boxes of ammo \$1,400.

Call Bondo 231 898-6962 or 231 590-2470 (5)

** 1932 Remington Model 25, 2520 pump. Bore is good, finish is 70 per cent. Wood nice. \$900.00 or best offer. Terry Luxford 616 648 7062. (5)

** Ruger 10/22 Stainless, Synthetic Stock, Hardly Ever Fired. Comes with Soft Case, and has a Bushnell 3x9 Scope. Price &450.00 Ask For Gene 231 301 0660. (4)

** 100 rounds 30 Super Carry 115gr FMJ CCI Blazer —50 rounds 30 Super Carry 100gr FMJ Remington \$65 for all Contact John Mickevich 231-233-7890 (4)

**Vortex Spitfire Prism Scope HD Gen II 3x, new condition, \$175.00

Monstrum 3-9x32 AO Rifle Scope, new condition, with rings, \$50.00

Magazines for Colt 45 Auto, 7 round, new, \$40.00

Contact David Sulewski 231 690-6518, dsulewski47@charter.net (4)

** Remington Model 760 Pump Rifle, 30.06, with Bushnell 3X9 Scope, Leather sling, 3-5 shot mags, and case. In good condition, \$750 OBO. Doug 231-907-8090 (3)

** 30.06 Ammo, 42 rounds of Winchester Ballistic Silvertip, 168 Grain, & 28 Rounds of reloaded 180 grain soft tips, plus ammo box. \$90 Doug 231-907-8090 (3)

** Two 14 ft sit in kayaks with 2 basic paddles and a custom built kayak trailer with storage box installed. Wheels and tires are in good shape. It has a 2" trailer hitch connector. Both kayaks have custom built cockpit covers and will include life 2 preservers. Current retail for EACH kayak is over \$ 500. Asking \$ 950 for everything. All ready to hit the water. Ross Kissel 231-845-9086 (3)

** **WANTED TO BUY:** An older, in good condition, snowmobile with reverse. Contact Dave at 231 233-1909



MEMORIAL BRICKS

The Fin & Feather Memorial honors our past and present club members. Frank Koehle designed and erected the Memorial that is directly in

front of the clubhouse.

Anyone desiring a name to be placed on one of the bricks can purchase one for a donation of \$50. The brick can have 3 lines per brick and 14 characters per line. Contact Frank regarding purchasing a brick at 231 845-7259 or 231 510-5558.



NRA

The cost to become a NRA member is \$35 per year. The club gets a profit when you join NRA through the club. Due to family health problems, we do not have a Chairman for NRA. The club needs someone to step up and help out. All you have to do, is sign up new members and renew members NRA memberships. If you are interested, please contact Chris at 231 239-2448.



Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country. It's air, soil, and minerals, it's forests, water and wildlife.



CPL & BASIC PISTOL CLASSES FOR 2025

CPL Classes: April 11 & 12 June 6 & 7 August 1 & 2 Oct. 3 & 4 Nov. 7 & 8

Basic Pistol Classes: May 3 Sept. 6

The CPL Class is \$100 for non club members and \$50 for club members. Basic Pistol Class \$20. You must be registered with Jim Glover at 231 907-8330 to take any of the CPL or Basic Pistol Classes.

GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2024-2025

350 tickets are sold at \$50 each for the 2024-2025 Gun A Month Raffle. The rules for the raffle are: you need not be present to win, but you **MUST** be 18 years of age to participate, have bought a Gun a Month ticket, and be eligible to purchase a firearm. Once the drawing has started, no more tickets can be sold. Any questions, contact **Ross at 231 845-9086 e-mail: firecaptain29@outlook.com**

The gun list for the 2024-2025 Gun A Month Raffle is as follows:

October 9, 2024	Ruger American .243	Winner: Bob Peterson
November 13, 2024	Taurus TX22 compact .22LR	Winner: Brian Kelley
December 11, 2024	Ruger Ma 9 9mm pistol	Winner: Henry Lange
January 6, 2025	Ruger 10/22	Winner: Ed McCumber
February 12, 2025	ATI Cavalry .410	
March 12, 2025	Diamondback DB15 5.56	
April 9, 2025	Howr 1500 6.5 CM	
May 14, 2025	Remington 783 7 mm mag camo	
June 11, 2025	Savage Axis Compact .243	
July 9, 2025	Savage Axis XP 7mm-08	
August 13, 2025	G Force GF 25 .12mm semi auto,	
September 10, 2025	CenterPoint Amped 425.	

Here is a list, winners and the dates of the drawing of the 2023-24 raffle:

October 11, 2023	Winchester S X P 12 ga, field nickel	Winner: Ross Kissel
November 8, 2023	Win Wildcat Verde combo	Winner: Dave Organ
December 13, 2023	Win XPR .350 Legend	Winner: Tony Zack
January 10, 2024	Mossberg Patriot 6.5 PRC	Winner: Melissa Benigno
February 14, 2024	ATI Cavalry 20 ga O/U	Winner: Mark Patterson
March 13, 2024	Tisas 1911 Al 9 mm pistol	Winner: Kitty Schwass
April 10, 2024	Ruger American Compact 7mm-08	Winner: James Kirchner
May 8, 2024	Centerpoint Mercury 390 crossbow	Winner: Dave Sobieralski
June 12, 2024	Savage Axis II .270	Winner: Linda Peterson
July 10, 2024	Taurus TX .22 pistol	Winner: Tony Jabrocki
August 14, 2024	S&W M&P shield EZ 9mm pistol	Winner: Terry Anderson
September 11, 2024	Howa 1500 6.5 Creedmore	Winner: Mike Kuhn

Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Members

Every year, the Fin & Feather Club awards to a club member, the honor of being the Outstanding Club the year. This award is given to a member who shows outstanding devotion to the club and has devoted his/her time, talents and expertise to the club in an unselfish manner beyond the normal. Here is a list of previous club members that have been awarded this honor.

1991 Dick VanAtta (Gunsmoke)	1992 Randy Wolfe	1993 Bruce Krieger	1994 Larry Moorlag
1995 Bruce Finch	1996 Nita Finch	1997 Ray Cummins & Jack Thiel	
1998 Marv Hanna	1999 Ralph Christensen	2000 Kim Thomas	
2001 Wayne Andersen	2002 Joanne Cummins	2003 Tom Sheppardson	
2004 John Ochs	2005 Walt Olmstead	2006 Frank Koehle	
2007 Bob Fenstermacher	2008 Corky Jensen & Bill Olsen	2009 Koby Kobrehel	
2010 Jim Glover & Gordon Grossenbacher	2011 Bob Ferney, Bruce Wadel & Ed Zientek	2014 Diane Zack	
2012 Russ Bosley	2013 Lance Christensen	2017 Dan Engelhardt	2018 Rick Gleason
2015 Bruce Rosema	2016 Cindy Gleason	2021 Pat & Sandee Donovan	
2019 Dick Herrmann	2020 Chris Shimmel	2023 Larry Scherer	
2022 Don & Eldonna Folkman & Gary Kondracki			

2024 DOUG ROLLENHAGEN

At the January 6, 2025 Board meeting, the assembled Board members selected **Doug Rollenhagen** for the Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member of the Year 2024. The list of nominees were: Mike Hill, Dani McGarry, Doug Rollenhagen and David Sanders. Each one of the nominees have done an excellent job donating their time and devotion to the club in an unselfish manner beyond the normal and each of them deserves the award.



TRAP & SKEET WINTER SHOOTING HOURS & FEE INCREASE

Trap & Skeet Shooting Range Hours that are open to the public is as follows: Trap hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-6:30 and Saturdays 9-noon. Skeet hours: Tuesdays 2:30-5:30 and Saturdays 9-noon. The 200 yard rifle range is now open. Shoot with care. Don't forget to sign in and out at any of the ranges that you are going to use. There is a sign in book in the mail boxes at all ranges. If you see anyone that is miss-using the ranges or destroying the range property in any way, please contact Bruce Rosema at 231 499-600 or Dan Engelhardt at 231 510-1003. **REMEMBER**, always keep the ranges better than you found it.

The price to shoot is as follows: ****Member, if you purchase a card for 10 rounds \$40**
**** Member with a card \$5 ** Non Club Member \$6 ** Youth shooting (Student 17 & under) \$3.** Any questions, contact Bruce Rosema (231) 499-6000

Rifle Range Update

If you're wondering what the status of our new rifle ranges are here's the latest. As soon as the contractor is available and the weather allows he will start moving and continue working on the 200 and 300 yard ranges. We do need to add some more dirt to our berms on the 100 yard range due to settling.

We may have to shut down the 100 yard range occasionally for safety reasons while the contractor is out there moving dirt. If we find that necessary to do, we will try and let members know as soon as possible so you're not surprised when you drive all the way out there to shoot and find out the range is closed.

We are also looking at plans for using the old 100 yard range. Converting it into a rimfire only and youth silhouette range is a plan we're considering.

As usual, when we get to the construction phase of the bench area, we can always use help. Even if it's only a hour or 2 now and then. Help is always appreciated. Volunteering saves the club money and helps get the project done faster. Please consider it.

Mike Hill, Rifle Range Chairman



Monday Night Women Pistol Shooting

On Monday nights, the women are still shooting pistols. The class starts at 6:00PM and is taught by Jim Glover. The class is for women and is open to the public. There is no cost to come out and shoot and you can either bring your own pistol or a pistol will be supplied.



The Fin & Feather club is interested in organizing an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. for veterans who are members of the Fin & Feather Club, or residents of Mason County. The Honor Flight Organization has requested that applications be printed, completed and submitted to the Fin & Feather Club to help ensure that all the applicants can be considered as a group. The Honor Flight web site has applications and further details. <https://www.midmichianhonorflight.org>

Indoor Archery League

The Indoor Archery League started January 3rd and will continue for 11 weeks. The league is in the basement of the clubhouse and starts at 6:30. The cost is \$50 and is for single shooters. The league will conclude in March 2025. Any questions contact Chris at 231 239-2448.

NRA Certified Range Officer Class

On January 25, 26 students attended a Range Officer Training Class and successfully passed the course. The class started at 8:30 AM and concluded at 5:30 PM. Dale Howe from Williamston was the instructor. The class was all classroom work and did not involve any shooting. 16 Fin & Feather Club members attended the class and became certified Range Officers. Lunch was provided by Diane Zack.

The following is a letter from Instructor Dale Howe regarding the class:

"I thank you for all your help and for your hospitality. I rarely get that level of support and it was appreciated. I'm sure you already know that is a very well set up training facility. Please pass on my thanks to the board.

The class was submitted moments after 5:30. This morning, everyone will get a follow up email to let them know the class was submitted and accepted by NRA.

I expect the West Michigan Chief RSO course will be March 22nd and 23rd. Likely somewhere north of Muskegon. Once I know for sure, I will let you know so you can pass the word to any of your people. CRSO takes two days. BIT (Basic Instructor Training) is the first day and the CRSO course is the second day. Students cannot take CRSO without having taken BIT within the last two years."

Dale K Howe, PhD PO Box 306 Williamston, MI 48895



Instructor Dale Howe and the 26 students.



Instructor Dale Howe

Fin & Feather Club dues:

Your dues will be due May 1, 2025. There will be invoices going out the middle of March. If you receive your Tattered Feather by mail, then your invoice will be mailed to you. If you receive your Tattered Feather by e-mail, then your invoice will get to you by e-mail. That's one of the reasons that it is important to let the Membership Secretary (Nita Finch) if you have a different mailing address or new e-mail address.

